

European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)¹

Overview

Project Name: CEPS TRANSMISSION GRID II

Project Number: 2015-0778

Country: CZECH REPUBLIC

Project Description: Multi component investment programme covering the

period 2016-2020 aimed at reinforcing the electricity transmission infrastructure of the Czech Republic.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

EIB notes the following Environmental and Social performance and key outcomes at Project Completion.

The programme comprised 25 sub-projects that relate to investments in extra high voltage network and substations as well as to IT and communication systems.

One sub-project (V413/416 looping Mírovka, connection of the existing 400 kV substation of Mírovka to the existing 400 kV line V413 by the means of a 25 km overhead double circuit) fell under Annex I of the EIA directive (2011/92/EU). A full EIA was carried out including an appropriate assessment of impacts on biodiversity (Habitats and Birds Directives) and the EIA consent was granted by the competent authority for nature and environment.

The promoter reported that all the foreseen mitigations during construction have been fulfilled and appropriate mitigation measures were implemented to minimise impacts during operation as expressed in the EIA consent.

According to reporting from the promoter, no additional EIAs or AAs were required for the remaining sub-projects, no additional mitigation conditions were required.

The environmental undertakings included in the Finance Contract have been fulfilled. In particular, the promoter was required to store and keep updated all EIA screening decisions concerning the programme schemes, make sure that programme schemes undergo biodiversity screening in accordance with the Habitats Directive, store and keep updated any documentation that may be relevant and that supports compliance with the Habitats Directive, and not to allocate the Bank's funds to schemes that require an EIA and/or an Appropriate Assessment (AA) until the EIA and/or the AA have been finalised, approved by the competent authority, and sent for review to the satisfaction of the Bank.

Prior to any disbursement related to projects V413/416 looping Mírovka and HBM-substation Mírovka II, the corresponding zoning permits were required from the promoter. The permits were provided in September 2018.

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¹ The template is for ILs and FLs



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The promoter did not report any environmental or social issues during the implementation of the Project.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter during construction that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.